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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Systems Concepts Sub-Contract

REFERENCE: Memo fr Record, dtd 6 Aug 75, Same Subj.

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I received a call from Mr. (OL) relative to reference on 6 August. advised he had been in touch with Mr. Slingland. He had determined that the Systems Concepts sub-contract had been assigned a DO priority by Ampex, but the delivery problem resulted from other DO priority orders which preceded the Ampex order. advised Mr. Slingland to submit the proper forms to the Agency, and the Agency would attempt to improve the delivery schedule through coordination with the DOD, Office of the Assistant Secretary for I&L.

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- 1. On 6 August the undersigned received a phone call from Mr. William Slingland, Ampex, relative to subject subcontract. Mr. Slingland tried to contact but STATINTL found he was out of town. He was not sure who to call in OL in absence, so he called for Mr. Fitzwater or the undersigned.
- 2. Mr. Slingland advised that Ampex had received verbal information yesterday that Systems Concepts was going to abrogate their delivery commitment for channel simulators made in Mr. Levitt's (System Concepts President) letter of 23 July to Mr. Slingland of Ampex. Mr. Slingland said that this action was made necessary because Systems Concepts had to devote their efforts to higher priority (DO) government orders. This STATINTL would cause a delay in channel simulator deliveries to Ampex of at least 90 days. Mr. Slingland said that had previously been in touch with Mr. Levitt and had received assurances of a satisfactory delivery schedule. Mr. Slingland STATINTL was now seeking assistance from to resolve the question of government priorities at Systems Concepts.
- 3. I advised Mr. Jim McDonald (OL) of the above on 6 August and asked for him to pick up the ball on this problem. He said he would have Mr. go to work on it at once. He added that Ampex could have used a DO priority on this subcontract if such a priority was included by the Agency on the original Ampex contract. In this case, Systems Concepts would have to treat competing government priorities on a first-comefirst-served basis. He was going to check to see whether the Agency had assigned a DO priority to the original Ampex contract.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater Director, Joint Computer Support Room 2E29 CIA Headquarters Building Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Harry:

This will confirm Ampex understandings of future monthly progress reporting and review meetings in connection with the TMS-2 Mass Storage System. I believe have STATINTL reached a basic agreement on the formats for hardware, software, and cost reporting as a result of their discussions after last week's review meeting and via telecon earlier this week.

The format we provided for hardware and cost reporting during the July 24, 1975, meeting seems to be acceptable and will be updated and provided for future monthly reviews.

In the area of software reporting, Ampex will furnish the same type of material provided during the July review with some additional strengthening and supplementary data to enable the Agency to better track progress on a month-to-month basis.

The software reporting will consist of the following items:

- 1. The TMS-2 software manpower plan as of the first Monday of each Ampex accounting month. A change analysis narrative explaining major differences between the manpower plan provided the previous month and the current month will be supplied with particular emphasis on accomplishments to the plan for the prior month. Emphasis will be given to the near term (60-90 days) activities and any problems which occur or are projected will be discussed.
- The Agency listing of functions as provided in the Contracting Officer's letter of July 7, 1975, will be addressed in a manner similar to that provided during the July 24, 1975, meeting. In addition, we will also indicate those functions that have already started or planned start date for the software development efforts. Changes from the prior to current month will be addressed in a narrative and we will also discuss any functions falling in the 8+ or ? integration category.

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3. The software modules categorized by group will be furnished with a detailed list showing status of modules completed and in progress and a "coarse" estimate by group for modules to go.

We will furnish five (5) sets of the data to be discussed during the review meeting at least one week prior to the scheduled date of the review. This will enable your people to review the material in detail prior to the meeting. Your COTR will then visit Ampex at least one day prior to our scheduled formal management review session to insure a thorough understanding of the details of the report. In this way, we believe it will be possible to surface and discuss any problems associated with the development efforts and schedules in sufficient time to take corrective action or reprogram resources. With the change in software management which we have discussed, a different reporting format may evolve. However, for the time being I think it wise to stick to the scheme described above.

Sincerely yours,

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Vice President-General Manager Advanced Technology Division

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